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SERVING IN ROVERETO, ITALY

With Stefania, Daniele, Luca, and Mattia

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In the church

With the arrival of Spring, there is better weather and we can use our small courtyard to invite larger groups to our apartment, which means the reopening of our pizza restaurant. In what are becoming traditional annual events, we have twice recently had groups of 25-30 people for pizzas. First, the teenagers' group met in our apartment, then had dinner with the families. Then on a public holiday people from the Rovereto church came for lunch, continuing to socialise for most of the afternoon. There are a few more groups from work and school being planned, as well as whatever other opportunities come up for hospitality towards others.

This month there will be the first two meetings of the *Christian Personal Development* course that Pinuccia has organised, with a friend coming from Switzerland. It has been planned for quite a while, with a few obstacles getting in the way, but we are praying that it will happen this time and be a help.

Church Corner

No photo or names this time for security reasons. I first met P about seven years ago, when he had just arrived at Trento from Pakistan. He had been a pastor there, but had been attacked and some of his fingers were cut off, so he had fled his country. He then moved to Rovereto, where I caught up with him again when we moved there. As is usual, it took a few years to get his refugee status and family reunited, but almost two years ago his wife R, teenage boys M and M and almost teenage girl P arrived in Italy and settled into the church. P struggles with both English and Italian, but has a great ministry to the other Pakistan refugees. His language difficulties and physical handicap make finding work hard. R continues with her ministry in Pakistan using Internet. The children are adapting well to life in Italy. I have great respect for this family, for their faith and joy in the midst of difficulties, and their generosity in sharing everything of the little they have. Our family enjoys the time we get to spend with them.

In the mission

I am continuing in my roles in the mission at large, as well as finding some new ways to help other missionaries around Europe.

I am still part of a small team that manages the mission's Ukrainian Crisis Fund, although with an ongoing war rather than a crisis, that ministry requires less attention now.

The team that looks after the practical matters to help all the missionaries develop their ministries takes more time, but is very satisfying. It is a privilege to be in touch with a lot of what is happening on the ground in the mission, seeing God at work outside of my small city, and to have a small part to play in the ministries elsewhere. With some changes in the membership of the team lately, I have also had more opportunities to help new people in the group, and so be a part of the creation of the next generation of leaders in the mission.

I also continue to be responsible for all the ECM missionaries in Italy. The range of this responsibility will soon be growing, as I will be looking after some new missionaries in Slovenia as well.

Another new service is joining a team that is helping missionaries to think about how to make our churches and ministries more accessible to all.



A few of the people at the church lunch at our apartment. The pizzas were good—only empty plates left.

Upcoming Dates

8 and 22 June: The first two meetings of the *Christian Personal Development* course; the other two will be in September and October.

19 June: Stefania starts her final school exams, which will continue until the beginning of July

20 July: Meeting of the ECM missionaries in Italy - the first time we have been able to physically be together in Italy since before the pandemic.

30 July-2 August: Retreat for the Australian/NZ ECM missionaries, in Romania

4 August: To Sicilia for a few weeks with the extended family and on the beach

Computer Corner

Not all of my computer ministry is related to LaParola.net. Some of you might know or even use Logos Bible Software, a computer program in English to study the Bible and read Christian books. You can create your own books for Logos and distribute them to others. I have done that for 4 books. The first is *Variant Readings of the New Testament*, a reformatted version of the text that I mentioned last newsletter (bit.ly/logosb1). Last year, the United Bible Societies released new Hebrew and Greek dictionaries with an open license. So I processed those texts to the format Logos requires. The dictionaries are to 5 different languages and would each be 2700-4000 A4 pages if printed, so there is a lot of information there (bit.ly/logosb3 bit.ly/logosb4). The most popular book I distribute is an *Index of Bible Studies* contained in the books that Logos sells, which I have been working on for more than 11 years and currently contains links to more than 80,000 Bible studies (bit.ly/logosb2). It has received comments like "the most valuable contribution we will ever see in this Forum", "one of the most useful tools I have in Logos", "this is my most used Personal Book". I was happy that in the latest update Daniele was willing to help me and added almost 700 links - getting into the family business.

Prayer and thanksgiving points

- Give thanks for the possibility we have of showing hospitality in various ways, for meals and for people staying.
- Pray that the *Christian Personal Development* course will take place without further obstacles, and will be beneficial to the participants.
- Pray that I will be a help to the missionaries around Europe.
- Pray that the children will finish well the school year, especially Stefania as she completes her time at school.
- Pray for our travels during the summer, for time with missionaries, with extended families, and with our nuclear family.
- Pray for P, R, M, M, and P, that they will be a blessing for many Pakistani and Italians in this new country that God has brought them to.
- Pray that the books I distribute for Logos will help people all around the world in their Bible study.

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